Demand to close down Pak High Commission

1994. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any demands have been made to shut down Pak High Commission in New Delhi;

(b) if so, whether the staff posted at Pak High Commission is linked with ISI agents and spreading terror in India;

(c) if so, the facts thereof; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take to close down the Pak High Commission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) to (d) Following the 13th December terrorist attack on Parliament by two Pakistan-based terrorist groups, Government announced a series of diplomatic steps against Pakistan including a reduction by 50% in the respective strengths of the High Commissions in the two countries. This step was announced on 27th December, 2001.

Several instances of officials in the Pakistan High Commission in New Delhi indulging in activities incompatible with their official status, including smuggling and espionage, have come to light.

Committee for cases of harassment of women employees

1995. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have constituted a complaint Committee to deal with the cases of harassment of women employees in the Indian Missions abroad;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of the complaints received since the constitution of the Committee;

(d) the number of complaints that have been inquired into by the Committee and were substantiated; and